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SUBJ: TEXT OF SOVIET PROTEST NOTE ON SVALBARD FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE

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AN INFIRMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FROM NORWEGIAN OF THE SOVIET NOTE
OF JUNE 15 PROTESTING NORWAY'S FISHERY PROTECTION ZONE(FPZ)
AROUND SVALBARD FOLLOWS BELOW. THE TEXT OF THIS NOTE WAS GIVEN
TO THE EMBASSY IN CONFIDENCE. THE WORDING OF NOTE IS UNDERSTOOD
TO PARALLEL THE USSR'S 1970 NOTE PROTESTING NORWAY'S ASSERTIONS
THAT THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AROUND SVALBARD IS AN EXTENSION OF
THE NORWEGIAN MAINLAND SHELF AND THAT THE 1920 TREATY DOES NOT
EXTEND TO THE SHELF AROUND THE ARCHIPELAGO. NORWAY IS UNDERSTOOD
NOT TO HAVE REPLIED TO THE JUNE 15 SOVIET NOTE AS YET. EMBASSY
WILL FORWARD A COPY OF THE NORWEGIAN REPLY WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE.
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QUOTE THE EMBASSY OF THE SOVIET UNION PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND HAS THE HONOR TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

ON JUNE 3, 1977 THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO
ESTABLISH A 200-MILE FISH PROTECTION ZONE AROUND SVALBARD.

THE TEXT OF THE ROYAL RESOLUTION WHICH THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED APPEARS TO BE IN CLEAR CONFLICT WITH THE OBLIGATIONS WHICH NORWAY ASSUMED UNDER THE 1920 SVALBARD TREATY.

THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS THE CHARACTER OF A UNILATERAL DECISION AND IS BASED ON INTERNAL NORWEGIAN LEGISLATION EVEN THEOUGH IT RELATES TO A SPECIAL AREA WHICH IS SUBJECT TO THE TREATY SPECIFIED. IN CLEAR CONFLICT WITH ARTICLE 3 OF THE 1920 TREATY, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE PRINCIPLE OF THE UNRESTRICTED RIGHT OF ALL NATIONS WHICH ARE TREATY PARTIES TO CARRY OUR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA TO WHICH THE TREATY APPLIES, THE RESOLUTION IS BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT NORWAY CAN PROHIBIT FISHING BY OTHER PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT IN THIS AREA AND ENVISAGES, MOREOVER, PENALTIES FOR THEIR NATIONALS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION HAS ALREADY TWICE POINTED OUT THAT THE PLANNED NORWEGIAN MEASURES TO LIMIT FISHING AROUND SVALBARD WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION WHICH, ALONG WITH NORWAY, TRADITIONALLY FISHES IN THE SEAS AROUND THE ARCHIPELAGO.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION REGARDS THE RESOLUTION OF JUNE 3, 1977 AS A FURTHER STEP ON THE PART OF NORWAY AIMED AT ILLEGAL EXTENSION OF ITS RIGHTS IN THE SVALBARD AREA IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE 1920 TREATY AND WHICH GOES BEYOND THE REALM OF FISHERY ISSUES PER SE.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION.
OSLO, JUNE 15, 1977.

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